



Time for Springtime Events at County Airports

Grab your sunscreen and cap, there are shows awaitin' at County airports this spring.

Starting with the Borrego Akrofest April 15–16 at Borrego Valley Airport and finishing at Ramona with the annual Ramona Air Show June 25–26, there'll be something for almost everyone. A bit of the past, present and future.



Akrofest features acrobatic competition over desert sands as some of the best pilots in the country compete. Bring the binoculars and marvel at feats of daring.

Fallbrook's Airpark Open House, held each year in conjunction with the community's Avocado Festival, features static displays by the Western Region Ercoupe Club of America, rescue and

firefighting demonstration by San Diego's Copter 2 and remote-controlled model aircraft demonstrations. Friends of Fallbrook, the Federal Aviation Administration, Fallbrook High School and Young Eagles will also have displays.

Aviation history comes to life at two events, one at Palomar Airport, the other at Gillespie Field.

Collings Foundation's B-17 and B-24 will once again be on display at the Western Flight hangar April 22–24. These World War II bombers played

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Borrego Akrofest

Location: Borrego Valley

Dates: April 15–16

Avocado Festival & Airpark Open House

Location: Fallbrook Airpark

Date: April 17

Collings Foundation B-17/ B-24 Display

Location: Palomar Airport
(Western Flight Hangar)

Dates: April 22–24

Wings Over Gillespie

Location: Gillespie Field

Dates: April 29–May 1

Ramona Air Fair

Location: Ramona Airport

Dates: June 25–26

Drill Tests Palomar's Emergency Response

Carlsbad police cars and firetrucks screamed their way along the taxiway toward the west end run-up area where mock crash victims were scattered under and around two aircraft. Emergency radios squawked, "This is a drill..." And so it was.

Mid-November's disaster drill was an opportunity to test response to an emergency at McClellan-Palomar, one of the busiest airports in the country. County staff joined with units from the City of Carlsbad, police and fire departments as well as units from other agencies around the County.

"We hold this type drill every three years," said Airport Manager Floyd Best. "It gives us an opportunity to work with local emergency responders and coordinate their efforts in an aviation environment."

Best, former Assistant Manager Roger Griffiths (now manager at Gillespie Field) and Vic Sigafus of Operations briefed key players before the event.

"Because most of the responders don't often work on the airport, we wanted them to understand where they should go and how they should operate," Best said.

Triennial exercises like this are required by the Federal Aviation Administration to evaluate operational readiness and test the mass casualty incident command system. Evaluators note actions of airport rescue and firefighting staff (ARFF),



"Crash" site and "victims" at west run-up area of Palomar Airport.

airport operations and the local fire and police. Specific objectives were to exercise the incident command system (ICS)

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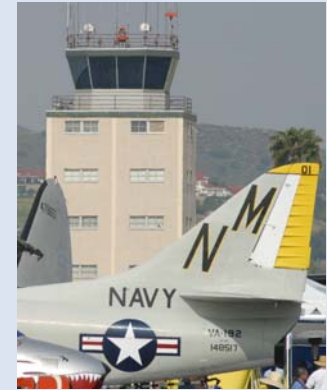


TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COUNT

(through December 31, 2004)

1	Montgomery Field*	229,673
2	Lindbergh Field**	212,782
3	Gillespie Field	209,843
4	McClellan-Palomar	207,956
5	Ramona	120,645
6	Brown Field*	102,687
7	Fallbrook Airpark	22,728
8	Borrego Valley	18,697
9	Oceanside***	16,000
10	Jacumba	1,500
11	Agua Caliente	500
12	Ocotillo	250

Fleet Week Coming
to Gillespie Field
October 2005



COUNTYWIDE 5-YEAR HISTORY

	AIRPORT	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
1	Montgomery Field*	251,859	217,449	245,643	216,782	229,673
2	Lindbergh Field**	233,836	229,072	206,380	199,163	212,782
3	Gillespie Field	187,751	175,392	183,145	182,061	209,843
4	McClellan-Palomar	255,104	221,625	204,289	193,336	207,956
5	Ramona	127,762	104,631	100,516	91,428	120,645
6	Brown Field*	112,800	114,874	140,822	105,327	102,687
7	Fallbrook Airpark	13,800	13,800	20,968	18,292	22,728
8	Borrego Valley	10,824	11,918	18,354	19,554	18,697
9	Oceanside***	62,300	80,000	30,000	19,000	16,000
10	Jacumba	2,181	2,008	2,008	1,626	1,500
11	Agua Caliente	512	558	558	452	500
12	Ocotillo	261	314	314	246	250

* City of San Diego

** Regional Airport Authority

*** City of Oceanside

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Griffiths Takes Gillespie Helm, Vasquez to Ramona

Roger Griffiths and Willie Vasquez—two familiar faces—are now in new places.

Griffiths, who for the last several years served as Assistant Manager at Palomar Airport, is the new Manager at Gillespie Field. He replaces Noreen Crane who retired. He will also oversee Jacumba, Agua Caliente and Ocotillo airports.

Vasquez, once head of Airport's maintenance and Assistant Manager for Fallbrook Airpark and Palomar, takes over as Ramona Airport manager. He'll also oversee Fallbrook and Borrego Valley Airports. He replaces Richard Selinger.

Another familiar face, Bo Donovan, takes over as contract manager at Fallbrook. For the last two years he's volunteered his time assisting Selinger at Ramona.

FALLBROOK FACELIFT IMPROVES SAFETY



There's a new look at Fallbrook Airpark. That's the result of an extensive project to improve safety at the North County facility.

Work included restriping, relocation of taxiway lighting and paving and marking the ramp area. In addition, several obstructions were removed and a major source of FOD (foreign object debris) was eliminated near the new helipad.

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Balanced Airport Development

Management of airport operations is one of the most visible duties of County Airports staff. However, there are other less noticeable responsibilities handled by the Airports team that are essential to maintaining a viable airport system. Real Property staff negotiate new contracts and service existing leases for both aviation and non-aviation property. Additionally, while the Airports maintenance crew complete work on the airfield, they are also responsible for essential work on non-aviation property. For example, they worked to stabilize slopes at the Gillespie Field/Cuyamaca West Business Park so they could be turned over to the lessee for continued maintenance.

You might wonder, why is County Airports spending precious Airport Enterprise Fund resources on activities related to non-aviation business? The answer is that County Airports strives to keep airport development well balanced. Non-aviation lessees on airport property pay higher rents, contributing a reliable revenue stream that is available to support aviation-related projects. These revenues provide matching dollars needed to secure FAA grant funding for aviation projects, and sound finances essential to ensure County Airports remains competitive. The non-aviation faction of our business enables Airports to offer first-class aviation facilities and services, while keeping costs down for the aviation public.

Through wise planning and cooperation between the public and private sectors, in the 1970s Airports developed the non-aviation Gillespie Field Industrial Park. It currently houses a wide range of companies, from local businesses to nationwide corporations. In the 1980s and 1990s the Gillespie Field/Cuyamaca West Business Park was developed. It provides space for high-profile businesses and for growing companies engaged in research and development, distribution and office processing activities (including Taylor Guitars, Enerdyne Technologies, Inc., and San Diego Defense & Space Technology Consortium). In addition to providing significant revenue for the airport system, numerous jobs were created for East County as a result of these developments, but the success story doesn't end here.

These days, a very impressive development project at Gillespie Field on the northwest corner of Weld Boulevard and Cuyamaca Street is in the planning stage. It will provide a combination of research and development, office space, and warehouse space. Due to the location of this development, it must be carefully designed be compatible with airport activities. At the same time, many new and exciting ideas have been formulated in the updated Gillespie Field Airport Layout Plan, including future aviation development at Cajon Air Center, which is currently occupied by Cajon Speedway. Additionally, aviation projects are currently underway, and most pavement at Gillespie Field will be renovated by next year.

Balanced development and cooperation between public and private sectors is not limited to Gillespie Field. Major renovation and construction projects are planned and underway at McClellan-Palomar Airport, including design and construction of parking lots, a new restaurant, a north side tiedown ramp project, stormwater and Taxiway Charlie improvements and

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Calendar

GILLESPIE FIELD (SEE)

Gillespie Field Development Council: Meets third Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the El Cajon City Council Chambers, 200 East Main Street, El Cajon. For more information, call (619) 956-4800.

Search, Call, Acknowledge & Notice (SCAN) Training: This safety program for drivers accessing Gillespie Field's aircraft maneuver and operations area is offered by appointment. For more information, call the Tower at (619) 488-1449 or Gillespie Field Manager Noreen Crane at (619) 956-4800.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 57 Composite Squadron: Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Ketema Aerospace, 790 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. Info – Captain Tom Charpentier, (619) 818-4011.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 55 (Cadets): Meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar, 335 Kenney Street, El Cajon. Info – Major Dave Bowles, (619) 443-5849.

El Cajon Valley Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the first Monday of each month. For information or location and meeting time, call Frankie Clemens at (619) 449-0670.

Commemorative Air Force (CAF): Vintage aircraft display hosted third Saturday each month at Aircraft Storage Spaces, 1860 Joe Crosson Drive, Suite A. Please inquire at (619) 448-4505 for tour information or for information on becoming a member of the CAF, which is located at 1850 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon.

Aerospace Museum: The San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar at Gillespie Field is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (619) 258-1221 for tour information.

The Wing is the Thing (T.W.I.T.T.): Bimonthly meetings are held the third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January, March, etc.) at 1:30 p.m.,

Skid Row Hangar A4. For more information, please leave a message at (619) 224-1497. Web site: <http://members.cox.net/twitt>.

Gillespie Pilots Association: Meets third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., Gillespie Field Administration Building. For more information, call (619) 807-5178. E-mail: gpa@gillespiepilots.org.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Gillespie Field Administration Building's Transient Ramp, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon. The public may view and photograph the aircraft from the patio area on the west side of the Administration Building. For information call (619) 956-4800.

Antique Airplane Association: Meets quarterly on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at various locations at Gillespie Field. For information and meeting locations, call Bob Blanchard (858) 536-7719. Web site: www.aaa-atm.org.

Classic & Vintage Aircraft Display: The second Sunday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m., Classic Hangars will be hosting an aircraft display. If you have an aircraft and would like it to be displayed, contact Len Buckel at (619) 449-0539. Classic Hangars is located at Gillespie Field on 305 Kenney Street in El Cajon.

Gillespie Field Eagles is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aviation training to high school youth. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., 1987 North Marshall Avenue, Suite #109. For more information, contact Vincent Ammann at (619) 675-4570. Web site: www.gillespiefieldeagles.com. E-mail: vincent@gillespiefieldeagles.com.

Fourth Saturday of each month, from 11 a.m. to noon: Safari Aviation West hosts an aircraft display at Gillespie Field. To display your plane, bring it to Safari Aviation West at 1905 North Marshall, east end of hangar complex.

McCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT (CRQ)

Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 286 (North County): Meets first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. in the ARFF hangar at

McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2188 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. Call Bob Wilson at (760) 489-9031 for more information.

McClellan-Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC): Meets third Thursday of each month. All meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. For more information, call (760) 431-4646, x5.

Palomar Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Mission West Properties, 2006 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. For more information, contact Robin Gartman at (760) 931-0546.

Palomar Airport Pilot Briefings: Have been discontinued until further notice.

FALLBROOK AIRPARK (L18)

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 87: For seniors and cadets. For more information, please contact Will Gordon at (760) 728-9568.

Coyote Country Chapter of the 99's: Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Time and location varies. For more information, contact Chairwoman Beth Cobb at (760) 723-1940.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: Last Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The displays will be located on the transient ramp. The public is invited to visit and owners of antique aircraft from other airports are welcome to display their aircraft. Contact Willie Vasquez at (760) 723-8395 for information.

JACUMBA AIRPORT (L78)

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California: These sailplane enthusiasts meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Automotive Museum (north door) in Balboa Park. Call (619) 338-1638 for more information.

BORREGO VALLEY AIRPORT (LO8)

Borrego Springs Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the second Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m., at the Borrego Valley Airport. Call Louise Phillips at (760) 767-4378 for more information.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Viki Cole for more information at (760) 767-7415.

RAMONA (RNM)

International Aerobatic Club: Meetings held the second Saturday of each month at Chuck Hall Aviation at 10 a.m. For more information, call Club President George Eaton at (619) 755-5042 or Finn Jensen at (760) 789-3047.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month at Chuck Hall Aviation, Cruiseair Aviation and Pacific Executive Aviation. For more information call Chuck Hall Aviation at (619) 789-8178, Cruiseair Aviation at (619) 789-8020 or Pacific Executive Aviation at (619) 789-6384.

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effectively; establish effective rescue and firefighting; efficiently rescue, triage and transport victims; establish and manage effective site security; utilize communications tools; and effectively implement and manage airport operations related responsibilities.

Several evaluators roamed throughout the area checking such things as timely ARFF response to the scene, whether a proper ICS was established, how triage and evacuation was handled, and number of points.

"We learned our strengths and where we can improve," Best said. "By the time the last 'victim' was carried away on a stretcher, we knew we are better prepared in the case of a real incident."



Vic Sigafus briefs volunteers and participants before drill.



Carlsbad police officer checks "victim" upon arrival at scene.



Evaluator watches as first responder reports incident.



Carlsbad firefighter examines "victim."



Firefighters prepare "victim" for transport.



"Victim" carried to treatment area at end of emergency drill.



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significant roles in the European and Pacific theaters.

The theme of this year's Wings Over Gillespie, April 29–May 1, is "The Aircraft of Midway," featuring both the WWII aircraft of the Battle of Midway and the aircraft that flew from the carrier USS Midway. The Midway museum is helping promote the show. Various "tailhook" aircraft are featured. L29 Delphins will perform formation flying, B-17 "Sentimental Journey" will be on hand as well as other warbirds. Admission is \$12 for adults, free for children 10 and under, and \$6 for military personnel. The show runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit:

www.wingsovergillespie.org.

Experimental aircraft, firefighting airplanes and helicopters, warbirds and antique airplanes highlight the Ramona Air Show June 25–26. Static displays and flight demonstrations at the event are fascinating for all ages.

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several major aviation leasehold developments. Additionally, Airports staff and private FBOs are working together on a user fee customs airport project at McClellan-Palomar Airport. Completion of this project will greatly enhance customer service at the airport, and great customer service is always a priority at County Airports. At Fallbrook Airpark a major waterline construction project has opened the way for new aviation developments now underway.

As you can see, the land owned by County Airports extends beyond airport perimeter fences. Each airport has its own unique and ever-changing environment with specific challenges that must be carefully considered when any new development is contemplated. County Airports staff is determined to maximize productive use of Airports property on both sides of the fence and to keep airport development balanced. This will help ensure a strong system that will support aviation for many years to come.

Safe flying,

Peter Drinkwater,
Airports Director

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